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SUBJECT: CALL ON INFORMATION MINISTER SOUK VONGSAK

1. ACCOMPANIED BY USIS DIRECTOR PATE, I TODAY CALLED ON PATHET LAO MINISTER OF INFORMATION SOUK VONGSAK. WE REVIEWED WITH HIM THE WHOLE RANGE OF USIS ACTIVITIES HERE, EMPHASIZING THE EXTENSIVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING BEING DONE AT THE LAO AMERICAN ASSOCIATION AND THE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT THERE. WE ALSO MENTIONED OUR INFORMATION BULLETIN AND EXHIBITS HERE AS WELL AS IN LUANG PRABANG. WE NOTED THAT THE AMERICAN EXHIBIT AT THE THAT LAUNG FAIR LAST YEAR WAS A MAJOR USIS PROJECT. SOUK VONGSAK COMMENTED FLATTERINGLY ON IT AND THE EXHIBITS HE HAS SEEN DURING HIS YEARS IN VIENTIANE AS PL NEGOTIATOR.

2. I MENTIONED TO SOUK THE INFORMATION AND PUBLIC INTEREST SURROUNDING POW EMMET KAY AND NOTED THAT PRESS AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES WITH REGARD TO HIS RELEASE WOULD DOUBTLESS MOUNT AS THE 60TH DAY OF THE WITHDRAWAL PERIOD APPROACHES. SOUK WAS NONCOMMITTAL REGARDING KAY'S RELEASE AND COMMENTED THAT KAY WAS ENJOYING CONSIDERABLE FREEDOM IN SAM NEUA WHERE HE PLAYED PING-PONG AND ENGAGED IN OTHER HOBBIES. I NOTED THAT PING-PONG WAS NO

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SUBSTITUTE FOR WIFE AND FAMILY. SOUK SAID THAT SAM

NEUA WOULD COMPLY WITH THE AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOLS,
IMPLYING THAT KAY WOULD BE RELEASED IN THE 60-DAY
PERIOD.
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